

IFW

Patent

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the

Application of:

JOSEPH FERRARA

Examiner

N/A

Application No.:

10/826,419

Art Unit:

NOT YET

**AVAILABLE** 

Filed:

APRIL 16, 2004

Title:

**WORK-PIECE PROCESSING** 

SYSTEM

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 together with a copy of the document(s) listed on that form. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document(s), initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate such consideration, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to the Applicant.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited today with the U.S. Postal Service as 1st Class Mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on.

Bv:\_\_

-1-

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 23-0630.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 17, 2004

Stephen J. Schultz

Registration No. 29,108

WATTS, HOFFMANN CO., L.P.A. 1100 Superior Ave., Ste. 1750

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Phone: (216

(216) 241-6700

Facsimile: (216) 241-8151

JUN 2 1 2004 3

Form PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMENCE ADEM ttorney's Docket Number Application Number 10,826,419 16-605 (Modified)Patent and Trademark Office Filed Applicant INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION April 16, 2004 Joseph Ferrara Examiner Art Unit N/A N/A Sheet 1 of 1 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE AMINER DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE CLASS SUBCLASS NAME 1/1996 5,486,080 Sieradzki 6,350,097 2/2002 Mitchell et al. 4/2003 6,555,825 Mitchell et al. 3/1991 5,003,183 Nogami et al. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS DATE COUNTRY DOCUMENT NUMBER CLASS SUBCLASS TRANSLATION YES **OTHER DOCUMENTS** EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.